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SENATE MEMORIAL 50

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

**RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO OF F.
CHRIS GARCIA.**

**WHEREAS, F. Chris Garcia began his career as an educator
in the summer of 1962 as an instructor and discussion leader at
the United States peace corps training center at the university
of New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, F. Chris Garcia's devotion to teaching continued
at Fullerton junior college in California, the university of
California at Davis, Indiana university, California state
university and the university of New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, while at the university of New Mexico, F. Chris
Garcia served as a visiting associate professor, assistant
professor, associate professor, professor, assistant director
of the division of government research, assistant dean,**

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1 associate dean and dean of the college of arts and sciences,
2 vice president for academic affairs and provost and vice
3 president for academic affairs before being named president in
4 August 2002, becoming the university of New Mexico's first
5 Hispanic president; and

6 WHEREAS, Professor Garcia has been an astute and
7 responsible observer, educator and commentator of and on
8 political behavior and American government for decades; and

9 WHEREAS, Professor Garcia has served as the vice president
10 of the American political science association and has served on
11 numerous committees of that association; as president of the
12 western political science association; and as a member of the
13 executive committee of the western social science association;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Professor Garcia currently serves on the
16 editorial board of *Social Science Quarterly* and has served on
17 the editorial board of *Political Research Quarterly*; and

18 WHEREAS, F. Chris Garcia has continued his commitment to
19 public service by accepting an appointment to serve as a member
20 of the board of directors of the national Hispanic cultural
21 center of New Mexico;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that F. Chris Garcia's contributions to the
24 people of the state of New Mexico be recognized and that he be
25 thanked for his public service; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to F. Chris Garcia.

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